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The South and the Situation.

From the Times

The damage inflicted upon the National Union movement by the bad faith of the Northern Democrats naturally reacts with peculiar force upon the people of the South. The moderation, the sober sense, the evident desire to conciliate which distinguished the Southern delegates at Philadelphia, merited a more considerate return on the part of those who claim to be their friends in the Northern States. To bring back genuine national harmony, the representatives of the South were prepared to acquiesce cordially in the propositions and plans conceived with special reference to the requirements of Northern sentiment. They indicated a readiness to forego opinions and preferences that the general cause of the Union might be thereby benefited. The least they had a right to expect by way of response was a willingness to sacrifice partisan prejudice and creed, that nothing might be lost by the combination of Union forces in the States which will this autumn determine the grave issues now on trial before the country.

Why these national expectations have been betrayed, the South need have no difficulty in judging. For whatever disappointment it may suffer, the South may thank those who, like the New York Democracy, have preferred the gratification of their party ambition and the promotion of their sectional interests to the organization of a great Union party with every fair guarantee of success. In other words, if the South to-day discern a cloud over the prospect presented at Philadelphia, it is because the Democrats have refused to abide by the conditions which were solemnly ratified. They have broken faith pledged with liberal Republicans and with the South, and have applied themselves instead to the hopeless task of reviving and aggrandizing the Democratic party.

It might be wished to teach the South the folly of looking for counsel or aid from the Democracy of the North, surely this last display of treachery should be enough. There might have been some excuse for it had the Democratic party, as a distinctive organization, the slightest hope of victory. The duplicity, the infidelity, would have remained the same as towards the liberal Republicans; but the South might not have been so easily deceived. The Democratic party, even if it were to triumph, would have remained the same as towards the liberal Republicans; but the South might not have been so easily deceived. The Democratic party, even if it were to triumph, would have remained the same as towards the liberal Republicans; but the South might not have been so easily deceived.

It is for the South now to acknowledge the significance of its position, and to govern itself accordingly. The hopes engendered by the misguided gathering at Philadelphia have been vainly destroyed. The patriotic movement there inaugurated has been summarily and unceremoniously crushed. There is no reasonable ground for supposing that in Pennsylvania, in Ohio, in Indiana, or New York the principles affirmed by the Convention will be sustained at the polls. The probability of achieving a triumph of Union principles by the joint efforts of conservative Republicans and moderate Democrats is at an end. And the South cannot too soon accept the conclusion, that the only way to secure a restoration, it will be required to deal with the party now represented by the majority in Congress.

If the South were made up of men resembling Mayor Monroe, of New Orleans, or of any considerable number of the kind, it would be to act upon the advice of divers of our Democratic neighbors, there might be danger of a refusal thus to recognize the logic of events. But since the war the South has evinced more common sense and moderation than it has shown in the past. The conduct and language of those whom it sent to Philadelphia afford ground for the opinion that it neither demands nor expects extravagant concessions. It is anxious above all things to be restored. It is ready to reconstruct industry, for a revival of commerce, and the obliteration of passions and prejudices growing out of the struggle. Compared with these things, politics, as hitherto understood, are of little account. And the attempts of Democratic candidates and writers in the North to encourage the Southern people in pretensions which, in present circumstances, cannot possibly be sustained, will, we believe, fail of their purpose.

The Southern people are not fools that they should intrust the repair of their ruined fortunes to a party which is destined to defeat in every Northern State. They are not lunatics that they should make their peace and prosperity contingent upon the triumph of the Executive in the face of the emphatic verdict of the North. Their recent avowed proof that they are prepared to acquiesce with a good grace in the restoration of the Union, and the improved tone of the Richmond Examiner, and journals of that stamp—the earnestness with which they are devoting themselves to questions connected with the material welfare of their respective localities—their evident desire to solve the problem of negro labor and education in a spirit of kindness and humanity—encourage the hope that the South will not fail to comprehend the situation as now it is, and to prepare for the changes which really seem to be inevitable.

The Political Marplots of the Day—The Real Issue Before the Country.

From the Herald.

From Massachusetts to Kansas political mass meetings, stump orators, and stump speeches are the order of the day. The fight is between the Republican party and the Chicago rump of the old Democratic party, the radical Jacobins making the most noise on the one side, and the old dyed-in-the-wool peace Copperheads ruling the roost on the other. Here and there we find a solitary stump known as a Johnson Republican, whose efforts to enlighten the people only serve to make confusion worse confounded. We had, for instance, in the Herald of Wednesday a specimen radical brick from Mr. Sumner, and a specimen from Senator Cowan, of Pennsylvania, of the Johnson Republican school, and in other papers lying before us we have a touch of the radicalism of "Old Thad. Stevens" and an overdose of Copperhead twaddle in a speech of Baron Von Hoffman.

Turning first to the radical Boston speech of Senator Sumner, we find it mainly devoted to a vituperation and merciless scolding of President Johnson, including the slaughter of Mr. Sumner's confidential conversations with him; how the man of Tennessee pulled the wool over the eyes of the man of Massachusetts; how Jeff. Davis and Johnson are now in the same boat; how and why universal and impartial suffrage must be enforced; how "the President must be taught that usurpation and apostasy cannot prevail;" and how "he who promised to be Moses and has become Pharaoh" must be overthrown, even as "the tyrant overthrew the tyrants in the midst of the sea." Of the Constitutional amendment Mr. Sumner says:—"As far as it goes it is well; but it does not go far enough. There must be done. This was his cry in the Senate at the long session; but it availed nothing. The amendment was passed by the Republican conservatives in spite of the radicalism, and with its ratification by Tennessee her members elect were admitted into the House and the Senate as a rule and a precedent for all the other States concerned.

plot, Stevens of the House, have been and will be rejected by the great body of the Republican party in Congress. It was Sumner, with his usual ebullient and aggressive character, at the beginning of the last session, and it was Stevens, with his warning of the fate of Charles I., who foisted all this trouble between the President and Congress; but still both Houses, in spite of the efforts of these men, have been controlled by wiser counsels than these. Hence, when Sumner from Massachusetts cries out that the Constitutional amendment will not do, and when Stevens from Pennsylvania echoes the cry, do not fret us in any way, because we have seen that they have no power over the prevailing sentiment of Congress, which is the prevailing sentiment of the North, as embodied in this great amendment.

Coming next to the speech of Senator Cowan at Harrisburg, we find that as a Johnson Republican, he fails to state the issue before the country. He presents it as the issue between Johnson and Stevens, but no such thing happened. Stevens was defeated upon all his propositions of Southern negro suffrage, Southern conscription, and Southern disfranchisement, and the plan adopted by Congress is substantially President Johnson's plan, with the addition of universal suffrage. Mr. Cowan must now, and in common fairness ought to admit, that it is not Thaddeus Stevens, but the Constitutional amendment of Congress that is before the States for their ratification. Mr. Cowan, in a few days, at all events, will discover that the people of Pennsylvania understand this also, distinction between the schemes of Stevens and the plan of Congress; and so we dismiss Mr. Cowan.

From all these stump speeches of quibbling and unscrupulous factious it is refreshing to turn to such an exposition of the issue before the country as we find in a late speech of Senator Sherman, of Cincinnati. He tells the people that in the adoption of the plan of Congress the joint committee of the two Houses did not advise every racial measure brought before them, including universal suffrage and the treatment of the late Rebel States as territories, and that as a member of the Senate he hopes the Southern States will adopt the amendment, because it will admit them into Congress, and he wants them to understand that if they will not accept this, "the same power that conquered them once will impose terms upon them that they will not like so well."

It is, then, this amendment or something better for the excluded States. There is no prospect of anything better. The very worst results from political discords North, and bloody anarchy South, and confusion everywhere, are to be feared from the rejection of the South of this amendment. Its adoption will admit the excluded States and restore them at once to financial confidence, order, development, and prosperity. Shall we have this amendment and reconstruction, or shall we have chaos again? This, after all, is the real issue before the country; for the alternative presented the excluded States on the one hand is restoration and prosperity, and on the other confusion and destruction.

Order or Anarchy.

It is the misfortune of many public men, with the President at the head of them, that they have no idea of a radical and general change of national opinion. Twenty-five years ago, an Abolitionist was denounced as a fanatic in the most respectable quarters—in Courts of Justice, Legislatures, Congress and churches, not to mention the political conventions and the porter-houses; while nice commercial men of ten united to swell the chorus of censure. Such pretence was not then absolutely foolish, for it had a real object and a genuine though indefensible purpose; but it is somewhat of a tax upon our patience to listen now to the untimely repetition of nicknames applied with ludicrous solemnity or unbecoming earnestness to a large majority of the inhabitants of the country. Slavery is abolished.

An intelligent man like Mr. Peter Cooper, whose letter to Mr. Johnson we have read, the other day to publish, accepts the fact, takes his stand upon it, and makes no attempt to get round it, under it, or over it. He is content to ask himself and others what new public and private duties are to be assumed in consequence of this social change; while cowards are shrieking their apprehensions, while Copperhead politicians are bewailing the alteration, while indomitable Southern aristocrats are seeking to save some fragments of irresponsible authority of the fire, this honorable New York merchant—we hope that we have many like him—begins immediately and conscientiously to inquire what legislation is needed to render the freedom of man in name really freedom in fact. We make a note of this, because we are sure that the prosperity and safety of the country demand a general and hearty acquiescence in the vital change which the violence of excesses renders it impossible to postpone. Now the question comes up, in naked simplicity, whether we are to be opposites to those principles of democracy which we profess to revere, or whether we shall courageously carry them out to their fullest extent.

To do this, we admit, requires a little bravery. Already, the alarmists are bringing out their largest and most ingeniously noxious bogeymen. Mayor Wood reads this monster as Senator Douglas that General Dix has doubts; and while Mr. Weed nods as gravely as Lord Brough, the Times and the World, great newspapers and little ones, are proud to nod in such excellent company. These gentlemen, and these journals will see that the tremulous hostility to the United States has varied its tactics, and is now seeking to postpone peace, in the hope that something diabolical may turn up by grad and petty persecution of the freedmen. The advantage of this is palpable. Just so long as there is anything to dispute about, they keep up a quasi condition as a superior class; they keep down the vital principle of social equality and of equality before the law; they color their reports by their votes, and say that they can always, whenever they are ready for another Rebellion, have a subject of dispute with the intelligent and really Republican masses of the North. While they keep "the social power," which Mr. Johnson once said "cannot be destroyed," they can at any time put their States into a position of antagonism to the general Government, voting always in cliques and in families; by their votes swaying the destinies of their respective States, and making chronic the quarrel between truth and falsehood, equity and injustice, actual and merely nominal freedom. It is useless to talk of anything as "settled," while such a society renders it impossible to maintain a national condition. "Settled" is a beautiful word; but we have heard it too often to be deceived by it now. Things were "settled" when Congress threw out the anti-slavery petitions, when the Fugitive Slave law was passed—when the Compromise measures were manufactured into a law; when Judge Taney gave his great Dred Scott decision—when Mr. Buchanan was elected to the Presidency. We played over and over again the old game of Jack-in-the-box, and the upstart was again as fresh and lively as ever. All our flux, and we had plenty of it, didn't put out the fire. If anything, matters are now more complicated than ever, because we have a nominal emancipation which cruelly and abhorred, prejudice and rage, revenge and obstinacy will all combine to make the bitterest and the most dangerous of delusions. The only safety is in "establishing justice;" but, if we

are to wait for it until the ex-patriarchs see fit to give it to us, we may have another, and still another insurrection before the desirable consummation of the Union can be reached. The Maryland soldiers, true to the Union, the other day resolved in Baltimore, "that having fought four years to beat down treason and treachery, they were prepared to fight four more sooner than part with a peace by cowardly compromise." Andy Johnson wrote, last week, his political friends in Knoxville, that "disunion had men" are plotting another "dissolution of the Union." The "friends" of the Administration are threatening us with a "war of Congress"—with that very worst form of anarchy, double Legislature. Industry is retarded, enterprise is hindered, the country is kept in an uneasy and feverish condition by the determination of a few men at the North, a larger number at the South, to reconstruct out of the fragments to which the war has reduced it the old oligarchy, with its rotten-borough system of representation, and its unscrupulous adherence to caste, with its grasping appropriation of the better moiety of the wages of its producing class, with its monopoly of power both at home and in Washington. Our only safety lies in a prompt and energetic adoption of this unattractive condition of affairs, under the most improbable to be found in the election of a House of Representatives which can neither be bullied, nor bribed, nor intimidated by colorable pretences. From this point of view, we consider the coming congressional elections the most important since the establishment of the Government. 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